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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: REFERENCE TO TEMPORARY

ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY ON PAPER AND PAPERBOARD

REF: 75 CANBERRA 2155

1. MINISTER FOR BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED
JULY 28 THAT REFERENCE HAS BEEN SENT TO TEMPORARY
ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA) ON QUESTION OF NEED FOR URGENT
ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY AGAINST
IMPORTS OF PAPER AND PAPERBOARD. SPECIFIC PRODUCTS
INVOLVED ARE PAPER AND PAPERBOARD HAVING AN F.O.B. PRICE
OF NOT LESS THAN A\$350 PER TONNE, NOT BEING MACHINE
GLAZED PAPER, FALLING WITHIN AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF
ITEM 48.01.921 AND PAPER AND PAPERBOARD (OTHER THAN
PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVE PAPER) FALLING WITHIN ITEM
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48.07.62.

2. PUBLIC INQUIRY WILL BE HELD IN CANBERRA ON AUGUST 5, AND INTENDING WITNESSES SHOULD SUBMIT THREE COPIES OF THEIR EVIDENCE TO THE TAA, INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BUILDING, CANBERRA 2600, PRIOR TO THAT DATE. TAA IS REQUIRED TO PRESENT ITS REPORT TO THE GOA BY SEPTEMBER 1. ANY PROTECTION RECOMMENDED WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A TEMPORARY DUTY, TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON IMPORTS, OR A COMBINATION OF TEMPORARY DUTY AND TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON IMPORTS.

3. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THIS MATTER WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE TAA EARLY LAST YEAR. AT THAT TIME THE TAA RECOMMENDED THAT URGENT ACTION WAS NOT NECESSARY TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY BUT IMPORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED AND WHEN LEVEL OF DUTIABLE IMPORTS REACHED CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF 7,000 TONNES OVER THREE SUCCESSIVE MONTHS OR WHEN THERE IS FIRM EVIDENCE THAT IMPORTS WOULD REACH THIS LEVEL, MATTER WOULD AGAIN BE REFERRED TO TAA. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS LEVEL WAS REACHED, IMPORTS IN THE NINE MONTHS TO MARCH 31 UNDER ITEM 48.01.921 WERE 19,623 TONNES AND UNDER ITEM 48.07.620 WERE 10,166 TONNES. IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. DURING THIS PERIOD WERE INSIGNIFICANT: 3,632 TONNES UNDER ITEM 48.01.921 AND 175 TONNES UNDER ITEM 48.07.620.

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